

COMMUNION NOTICES.

The Brethren at Claypool, Ind., will hold their spring communion services on Monday evening, June 10. All of like precious faith are cordially invited to come. Come, and we will make you feel at home. D. A. HOPKINS, Pastor.

The Brethren church of North Georgetown, Ohio, will hold their communion on Sunday evening, May 26. A cordial invitation to all, is extended.

J. L. KIMMEL.

Communion services of the Meyersdale, Pa. Brethren church, will be held Sunday evening, June 9. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like faith.

J. M. OLINGER, Secretary.

FROM COLUMBUS, O.

I am thankful and happy to inform you that it was my privilege to accept the kind invitation, and enjoy the communion and Lord's supper the evening of the 18 inst., with the brethren at Fairview, O. I enjoyed this sacred blessing very much. Brother Tombaugh is pastor. Brother M. Shively assisted him during the services. He was with us at Sabbath school in the morning, and preached twice on Sabbath and in the evening. All his sermons were very good and to the letter. The Brethren here have a real live Sabbath-school and a fair congregation; both have grown since I visited them last. May the Lord bless continually both pastor, the brethren and sisters of this charge, and all who labor with them, and the brethren everywhere, for the upbuilding of his cause, is my wish and prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

1159 Harrison Ave. M. O. HORNE.

RAMBLINGS.

On May 4 and 5 I filled my regular appointments at the Bethel church, Mich., the home of our brother Walter Clark. The following Saturday evening, I preached at Woodland, Mich., and Sunday morning at Campbell. On Tuesday morning I went to Brighton, where I administered baptism to three persons who dedicated their lives to God. In the evening we held communion services in the chapel. Brother Bemenderfer of Dunlap, and Brother Brown of Bethel, Mich., were with us; we enjoyed their presence. Sunday morning we attended Sunday-school, and to say they have a good school, but mildly expresses it. During the afternoon our dear brother Eli Horner, was anointed. In the evening we met at the church and organized a K. C., secured fifty names; after this we preached to a large

congregation. We were glad to note that our congregations are increasing in size and interest. Our next place was Sidney, where we preached on Sunday morning in the Brethren church, and delivered a Memorial address, in the Christian church at 3 P. M. In the evening we again preached to a large audience in the Brethren church. On Monday evening we attended communion services at Mexico; we arrived safely at home May 18, and, after visiting a few days we expect to again go to Michigan. Brother Teeter, can you not give us a plan, that will not necessitate preachers traveling so much? Our article grows lengthy, and we close.

JOHN M. FOX.

Peru, Ind.

FROM DUNLAPS, IND.

Our communion is in the past. We had eighty-one communicants at the table with brother I. N. Miller at the head. I will just say that it was a grand and glorious sight to behold. Sometimes I think we are progressing so slowly. But when I think back to the second Sunday in January, 1879, when our church was dedicated with but a handful of members as it were, then I take courage and travel on and never grow weary in well doing. We have lately treated our church to a new coat of paint and it now looks neat and tidy inside and outside. But the best of all is, we are in peace among ourselves, and O, may we ever remain so is my prayer.

My heart overflowed with joy when last week I read Sister Hostetler's letter in regard to the church house they are building at La Paz, Ind. I know the very spot where the house will be when finished. Oh, that Brother Burger, Brother Runalds, and Brother Abbott could be at the dedication. They were old soldiers of the cross and pioneers of the church at La Paz. Though it goes somewhat like pulling teeth in building a house, but be of good cheer brethren and you will surely win in the end. Fraternally,

N. A. FRAME.

THERE is no road to heaven but that of sacrifice, that of cross-bearing; we must go this narrow way or not at all. But it is also a way of joy, a path of pleasantness and peace. You must not expect to become a Christian by accident. That blessed experience must be the result of deliberate determination, of intelligent seeking, and of faithful enduring. This truth is earnestly affirmed in many parts of Christ's teaching. Christ's honesty is worthy of commendation. He early lays down the conditions of discipleship; we must take up the cross and follow him.—*Dr. McArthur.*

FROM DOWAGIAC, MICH.

Last Saturday we went to Vanburen Co., to fill our appointment at that place, and found a hungry people, ready to be fed. They were hungry (1) because the Master has told us that "Whosoever should eat of the Bread of Life should live forever, (2) because they had been at work in the vineyard, and hard work makes good appetite, (3) because in eating of the Bread of Life, while it is satisfying in its nature, yet, tasting it, but causes us to want more.

Oh yes! more like Jesus! Praise God, the more we have, the more we want. It is wonderful, this transforming power of God; it seems as though God can transform one blessing into a thousand different forms. Take, for instance, a precious stone, whichever way you turn it, you see a different color; so it is with our God. Well, I am somewhat like the blind man, whom our Savior healed, he said he saw "men walk as trees"—even so when the Lord takes possession of me, every blessing is so magnified.

Well, we spent a pleasant evening at brother J. Solomon's, and Sunday morning attended Sunday-school. They have a fine Sunday-school, also a fine Y. P. S. C. E., and I think they are doing a grand work for the Master. In the evening I preached to an attentive audience.

WALTER CLARK.

FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Two German Baptists have applied for membership since last report. We expect others to unite by baptism very soon. Religion is at a pretty low ebb in that part of the state. A great field is open for mission work; if a good preacher full of the Holy Ghost would get in among them and live a pure life, great good could be accomplished. Means and laborers are badly needed. Two were also baptized here in the city to-night. They live twenty-five miles away, but they also have influence and power, and we hope to open a mission there very soon. In a few days, the Lord willing, I expect to spy out the land. Pray for us.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

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